

PRICE RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM ANNUAL MEETING

FEBRUARY 24, 2009

The annual meeting of the Price River Distribution System was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by Chairman Tom Bruno. Harold Cunningham read first page of the minutes from the 2008 annual meeting and Marc Stilson read the remaining pages. Following the reading of the minutes, there were no corrections or additions to be made. A motion was made by Gary Sonntag, and seconded by Dale Mathis to accept the minutes as read. The motion passed.

Mr. Bruno asked Commissioner Robert Davis to give a report on his activities during 2008. He indicated that work by the Bureau of Reclamation on the spillway at Scofield Reservoir had a direct effect on operations of the reservoir, limiting storage and requiring the release of water in early spring and again in fall. The reservoir started the year with 14,062 acre-feet but by May the storage was down to 9,811 acre-feet. From that point the reservoir was allowed to start building to the peak storage of 44,320 acre-feet. The storage started to drop in June due to the release of water to fill the demands of water users. Despite the Bureau of Reclamation's mandated release of excessive amounts of water this year all the water users needs were met.

Mr. Davis informed the water users that the current Snotel data indicates the current snowpack is 96% of average at the Mammoth-Cottonwood site, 89% on White River #1, and 100% on the Indian Canyon course.

Following the report, Bill Butcher made a motion to accept the Commissioner's Report. The motion was seconded by George Cook. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Bruno turned the meeting over to Lee Sim who informed the water users that Bob Davis's 4-year term as River Commissioner was over and that the position of River Commissioner needed to be filled. Tom Matthews motioned to re-appoint Bob Davis as River Commissioner. Richard Lee seconded the motion. Bob Davis was appointed to another 4-year term.

A report from the Division of Water Rights was next on the agenda. Mr. Lee Sim discussed changes within the division. Lee introduced Sue Odekirk who will be helping the River Commissioner construct an operator's manual for the distribution system and Michele Gabb who is a new member to the Price Regional Office. Mr. Lee Sim also notified everyone that Jerry Olds had retired and that Kent Jones had been confirmed as the new State Engineer.

The 2008 Financial Statement was read by Lee Sim. On January 1, 2008, there was \$8,850.06 in the Trust Account. Receipts during 2008 included \$29,168.40 in regular assessments, \$47.30 in delinquent penalties, \$249.67 in previous assessments & penalties and \$393.91 in interest, for a total of \$29,859.28. Expenditures for the year totaled \$27,888.78. Funds remaining in the Trust Account as of December 31, 2008 were \$10,820.56. There was one delinquent account in 2008. A motion was made by Dale Wilson, and seconded by Keith Grogan, to accept the Financial Statement. The vote was unanimous.

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After reviewing the Financial Statement there was a discussion about how delinquent accounts were collected. Mr. Lee Sim explained how unless the delinquent account was \$200 or more the Division of Water Rights could not justify the time and cost in collecting the amount owed. Therefore the minimum assessment would have to be \$40 for every account to equal the minimum \$200 within the allowable 4-year period to collect. Harold Cunningham motioned for the minimum assessment per account to be \$40. After further debate and much opposition the water users elected not to raise the minimum assessments.

The next item of business was the preparation of the budget for 2009. Richard Lee recommended a 4% increase in the commissioner's salary. Further discussion by the group resulted in the following budget:

Commissioner's Salary	\$12,100.00
Social Security	933.00
Retirement (15.27%)	1,918.00
Travel Expense @ 50.5¢/mile	5,830.00
Insurance	5,500.00
State Engineer's Assessment	1,872.00
Telephone Expense	120.00
Annual Report	300.00
Supplies & Equipment	<u>100.00</u>
Total:	\$28,843.00

Tom Matthews made a motion to accept the budget. Roger Koss seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Harold Cunningham made a motion to set the assessment at \$28,000. A second was made by Dale Mathis. The motion passed.

Chairman Bruno indicated that a committee should be appointed to serve during 2009. Harold Cunningham proposed Terri Guthree to replace him as the industrial representative on the committee. Gary Sonntag recommended Dale Wilson for the Vice Chairman position on the committee. Dale Mathis made a motion, George Cook seconded the motion, the motion passed for the committee to be composed of the following:

Tom Bruno	Chairman
Dale Mathis	Vice Chairman
Terri Guthree	Industrial Representative
Gary Sonntag	Municipal Representative
Dale Mathis	Water Users

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Lee Sim introduced Aaron Hunt of the Division of Water Rights who gave a presentation explaining how to access the information that was available due to the installation of automatic measuring devices that were installed spring/summer of 2008. Aaron also expressed his plans to install meters on the rest of the system in 2009.

Bill Butcher made a motion the meeting be adjourned. Bill Cook seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

Those present at the meeting included the following:

Tom Bruno	Committee Chairman, Stowell Canal
Harold Cunningham	PacifiCorp
Dale Mathis	Pioneer II / Carbon Canal
Richard Lee	Carbon Water Conservancy District
Gary Sonntag	Price City
Keith Grogan	Pioneer #1 & Price Wellington Board
Boyd Marsing	Price River Water User's Association
Aaron Hunt	Division of Water Rights
Jeff Richens	PRWID
David Horsley	Division of Water Rights
Roger Koss	Pioneer Ditch #2
Cody Allred	Pacificorp
Sue Odekirk	Division of Water Rights
Bill Butcher	PRWU
George Cook	PRWU
Lee Sim	Division of Water Rights
Marc Stilson	Division of Water Rights
Bob Davis	Price River Commissioner
Tom Matthews	Spring Glen
Steve Giaccoletto	Bryner Plutz Ditch
Dale Wilson	Stowell Canal
Ray Prettyman	Gordon Creek
John Jones	Carbon County Commissioner